

# PAL MOORE AND ROY MOORE TO MEET IN BIG BATTLE TONIGHT

## BOXING CARD FOR EMPIRE THEATRE IS TOPNOTCHER

Entire Program to Be Interesting from First Prelim to Roy and Pal Moore Fight.

SMITH ARRIVES TO REFEREE

Both Principals of Main Go Are in Best of Shape for Fast, Snappy Encounter.

FIGHTS TONIGHT.

Roy Moore and Pal Moore in 10-round battle at 116 pounds. Johnny Donahue and Andy Dans in six-round semi-windup at 130 pounds. Tony Caponi and Kid McFadden in six-round prelims at 114 pounds. Kid Fiske and Young Hagerty in six-round prelim at 120 pounds.

All predictions are that the battle tonight between Pal and Roy Moore will be one of the fastest scraps seen at the Empire for many a day. Pal Moore arrived from Chicago this afternoon and Roy dropped down from St. Paul, together with Johnny Donahue, all ready for the big ring match. Roy has been on the training field preparing for the blow and will be in the best of shape. Pal is predicted by many to land the farrow blow on Roy. Pal has a heavy schedule ahead and says he wants to make tonight's fight the first on the card and wants to hang the sign "won" alongside the entry. Pal and Roy Moore will put over one of the best fights that city fans have witnessed around here for several years and the fans already are showing that they have stock in the match, as Promoter "Babe" Meador reports the largest advance sale that he has ever had. All reports are that the Empire will be the fullest that it has ever been with fight bugs to witness tonight's card.

The battle is not only attracting delegations from Chicago, but is drawing fans from nearby towns. Fans are showing an interest in the entire card and the Moore scrap is not the only drawing card. The six-rounders are doing their share.

Ed Smith, sporting editor of the Chicago American, who is to referee the main go, arrived in the city this afternoon and stated that he looks for the Moore battle to be some fight. When Ed Smith says "some fight," fans can be assured of the fact that it will be "some fight."

Smith was called on to referee, as Pal Moore insisted on some well known man to arbitrate. Both Pal and Roy Moore are anxious and want the square deal. Smith was chosen out of several to fill the shoes and both boys can feel confident that they will get the squarest of deals when Smith's the doctor.

The next best battle scheduled for tonight is the semi-windup between Andy Dans and Johnny Donahue. Both are mighty good fighters and are full of snap. The battle can easily be classed as one of the best six-rounders that ever will be held locally. Dans and Donahue have been preparing for the encounter. Dans was at his home town, Monmouth, and Donahue was in St. Paul with Roy Moore. Mike McNulty, manager of Roy Moore, said today that when Donahue steps into the ring tonight that he will be 100 per cent better than he was when he fought Matty Ryan of Chicago at the Empire a short while ago.

**Two Good Prelims.** Tony Caponi, the little local bantam, of whom the tri-city fans never seem to tire, is scheduled to meet Kid McFadden of Peoria in a half-dozen-rounds prelim and promises his usual entertainment which generally proves of the best quality.

Kid Fiske, another local boxer, will meet Young Hagerty of Pekin in the other six-rounder. Fiske is in the best of shape, as his last battle at the Owis hall did little damage to him. He swung on the La Salle boy, Terry Martin, but somehow or other couldn't land one. Fiske said today that he would land at least a few tonight and that he has lost the art of swinging but never landing.

## RITCHIE IS IN BAD AT TRAINING CAMP

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 31.—If the claim of Geary Steffens, otherwise Willie Ritchie, to exemption from army service is upheld by the district draft board here he might as well quit as boxing instructor at Camp Lewis. In the opinion of Brigadier General Foltz, commanding Camp Lewis, the draft board which recently denied Ritchie's claim of exemption received a letter from General Foltz today congratulating it on its action.

"Fighting men would learn boxing more eagerly from one of their own who, when the time comes, will stand with them in the trenches and go with them over the top," said General Foltz.

## RED JACKETS WIN.

The Rock Island Red jackets defeated the Northwest Davenport Turner five at the Turner hall Tuesday evening in one of the hardest fought basketball tilts ever staged in this city. The final score was 26 to 16. The score at the end of the first period stood 8 to 6 in favor of the Islanders.

## SIGN COLLEGE MAN.

St. Louis, Jan. 31.—Branch Rickey, president of the St. Louis Nationals, yesterday announced he had received confirmation that Clifford Heathcote of Pennsylvania State college has signed a St. Louis contract. Heathcote is an outfielder.

## SAME OLD STUFF.

Pitcher Al Mannaux, a resident of Pittsburgh, and still there, is filling Pittsburgh papers with stories of how he's going to pitch his head off to beat the Pirates next season. And then they talk about the "home" club in baseball and cheer the mercenaries.

—The name of the city on their blouses.

## SPORT TUTORIALS

BY YE ED.

Boxing matches in Rock Island are proving more popular each month. The main sport is gradually oozing into a great many of the local men's veins and each exhibition finds the number turning out greater. Not only are the men becoming interested, but women are seen at many of the shows. In every training camp in the country there are several instructors whose sole duty is to teach the art to recruits and those ignorant of the game. Days when the fist encounters were considered inhuman and brutal are past. At Fort Sheridan, north of Chicago, where many soldier boys are stationed, fighting to decisions is allowed, proving that the padded glove game isn't so bad after all.

Pictures of the Willard-Johnson fight are still being shown down the tropical isles and are drawing capacity houses at enormous prices. Pretty near time to store them in the history files and close the lid.

Al Teaney a short while ago said he would aid the minor leagues in the coming season. A few thousand collected like Rock Island's money would allow anyone to assist a few teams along. How about it Al?

Some of these days somebody will pipe that he spied a robin. Another will say he saw some kids playing marbles. Another will have seen a glove and bat in use and the first thing you know spring will be here and that everlasting baseball fever will commence to burn in veins and ding it all, no baseball in sight.

If Fred Fulton fights here, local fans will soon become accustomed to such a minor occurrence that even Willard's appearance wouldn't surprise anyone. Better stay away Fred and let the ring chasers look forward to something big.

Next we are to behold the bantam champ, Pete Herman. Latest reports are that the champion and Pekin kid Herman will box here next month. Pete has the same old "lay 'em cold" methods and will give the local bugs a rare treat if he appears.

"To fight or not to fight," is what boxers who are to appear at Davenport are wondering. The big question is will Davenport have exhibitions or not? Davenporters by the hundred handed over the iron bone for a membership card so they could get a peep at the cards promised and now they don't know whether the buck will help any or not. Oh, well, football season will soon be here and pigskins are going to be higher this year so what's the diff?

## WILL BE SERIOUS IF SNYDER IS SUMMONED

St. Louis, Jan. 31.—If Frank Snyder, catcher of the St. Louis Nationals, who was placed in the first class of the draft is called into service, it will be a serious blow to the pennant prospects of the St. Louis club.

Snyder has been rated as one of the best catchers in the league. His best season was 1915 when he hit for an average well over .300.

If Snyder is drafted the catching burden will fall on Miguel Gonzales, the Cuban, who was obtained from Cincinnati.

St. Louis has already been hard hit by the enlistment of Jack Miller, second baseman, and Pitcher Marvin Goodwin. It is expected that the acquisition of Sherdell, the pitcher obtained from Milwaukee, will offset the loss of Goodwin.

## TIGERS LOSE MAN.

Detroit, Jan. 31.—A dispatch from Baltimore says that George Moore, who was counted on to be a regular in the Tigers' outfield this year, will be wearing Uncle Sam's "uni" instead.

He was certified for service by his local draft board Tuesday night.

Donnie Bush and Pitcher Bill James have signed their 1916 contracts. Both are subject to draft, but James was rejected because he failed to pass the eye test and Bush has a dependent mother and sister.

## MAKES TO MEET PIRATES.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 31.—The Philadelphia Athletics and the Pittsburgh Pirates will play a practice series in Jacksonville, where both teams will train.

We don't know who said it first, but we repeat it: What a great chance to prove which is the worst team in the major leagues. The two clubs, though both train in the same city, will use different ball parks to work out in.

## M'NULTY WILL INSIST THAT THE MOORES BE ALLOWED TO FIGHT IN THE CLINCHES IN THE MAIN SCRAP AT EMPIRE TONIGHT

Mike McNulty of St. Paul blew into town this morning with his protégé, Roy Moore, who meets Pal Moore of Chicago at the Empire tonight, and Mike had a lot to say about the fight.

In the first place he said he is going to hold out for fighting in the clinches and that there is to be none of this clean break stuff. He declared he expected to have his say about this inasmuch as he was not consulted concerning the referee was to be.

"When I got into The Argus office this morning," Mike said, "it was the first I learned that Ed Smith was to be third man in the ring. I was not consulted concerning the referee was to be. Since I was not spoken to in any way about the referee it is only fair that I have something to say about the rules of the fight. I am going to hold out for fighting in the clinches. My boy Roy is a fighter. Pal Moore is a boxer. If the fans want real fighting here they will get it tonight if fighting in clinches is agreed upon."

"Tom Walsh, manager of Pal, knows he's stepping his man up to a real fighter. Roy has the reputation of being a mean man as a fighter. He can

## AMERICAN HEADS TO PLAN CHARTS

Presidents and Managers to Confer in Milwaukee Next Month About Year Schedule.

ALL TO HAVE HAND IN WORK

Hickey Will Make Determined Effort to Stamp Out "Spit Ball" Law and Other Freaks.

Chicago, Jan. 31.—With the scheduled meeting of the American association less than a month away, the presidents and managers of the eight clubs today are studying railroad time tables and calendars with a view to drafting a playing chart.

The schedule meeting, to be held in Milwaukee on Feb. 28, promises to be a lively session for instead of appointing a schedule committee to work out the problems, every club owner will have his say-so. Thomas J. Hickey, president of the association, has advised every club owner to get a schedule and present it for consideration. There will be at least eight charts and possibly nine offered, as Hickey is drawing up a schedule himself.

"We have decided to have every club owner have a hand in the schedule making, so as to avoid all arguments later in the season that they were not treated fairly in the question of dates," explained President Hickey. "In previous years a committee of usually three or four drafted the schedule and while it always has been apparently satisfactory to a majority of the clubs, there has inevitably been a howl from some one in regard to holiday and Sunday dates. We hope to do away with these protests under the new plan."

Although there has been some agitation for an earlier opening, President Hickey believes that a 140-game schedule will be adopted and that the season will start early in May instead of the middle of April as in former years. The decision to abolish the southern training camp program, he said, probably will be carried out to the letter, although some of the clubs, including Milwaukee and one or two others, may train away from home.

A. F. Timme, president of the Milwaukee club, contends that high, chilling winds sweeping off Lake Michigan make it advisable to train in some other city. Peoria, Beloit, and Madison have been mentioned in this connection.

President Hickey will make a determined effort to stamp out the "spit ball" and other freak pitching. In order to have a thorough understanding in this regard, the managers and eight umpires will be called into a conference a day or so before the opening of the season to discuss the rules.

"I am going to have all of the managers and umpires meet in Chicago and go over the entire question thoroughly, so there will be no excuse for a pitcher not conforming to the rules," President Hickey said. "I do not anticipate any serious trouble as the rule was passed by unanimous vote. I believe all are now agreed that it will be a good thing. I predict that during a lively batting contest will help the game to such an extent that no one will ever want to go back to the old system."

**Difficult to Enforce.** Predictions that the rule will be difficult to enforce are not seriously considered by the American association executive, who maintains that the umpires will be able to detect any tampering with the ball. The first offense will cost the pitcher a \$25 fine and the second violation will result in more drastic punishment.

The umpires will be instructed to throw "winged" balls—balls that have been damaged from the contact with the grandstands or other objects—out of the game.

The next call for the army, President Hickey believes, will give the club owners a better line on the number of players who will be lost to the military service.

"To date no one has been taken," he said. "How many I believe shall have no trouble in obtaining players under and over the draft age to supplement those who have depended and thus we shall be able to maintain a good standard of play."

## KANSAS AGGIE FIVE WINS.

Lawrence, Kan., Jan. 31.—The first of a two-game basketball series between Kansas university and Kansas State Agricultural college teams was won by the latter yesterday afternoon, 24 to 23. It was the Kansas university team's first defeat of the season.

## COAL CLOSING BOUT.

Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 31.—Harry Greb of Pittsburgh outclassed Zulu Kid in an exciting bout here last night. The bout was stopped in the fourteenth round in compliance with the closing order issued by Fuel Administrator Garfield.

## IS REAL "SAMMY."

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 31.—Sam Bohene, second baseman with the Milwaukee club of the American association, will not cavort around the key-stone sack next season. Sam is a real "Sammy" now, having enlisted in the quartermasters' department at San Francisco, his home. Bohene's right name is Cohen—came to Milwaukee from the St. Louis Nationals in a deal for Pitcher Marvin Goodwin, who has joined the aviation corps.

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## BOXING DECISIONS

Packey Hommey was given the decision over George Chaney in the ninth round of a scheduled 15 round bout at Baltimore.

Philadelphia, Jan. 31.—Joe Lynch knocked out Kid Williams in four rounds.

Boston, Jan. 31.—Charley Weinert beat Tom Cowler on foul in two rounds.

## HOT AFTER TITLE AS WORLD LEADER

Denver, Col., Jan. 31.—Fred Fulton, contender for the heavyweight boxing championship of the world, has signed articles to meet Jess Willard, champion, here next summer, James M. Hamill, a local promoter announced yesterday. Hamill announced he would leave for Chicago next week to offer a guarantee to Willard of \$50,000 for the bout. All of the money taken in is to go to the Red Cross.

## PAGEANT PROCEEDS WILL BUY OUTFITS

Chicago, Jan. 31.—One hundred baseball teams will play on as many diamonds at the Great Lakes Naval Training station this season. In a short time, according to Surgeon John B. Kaufman, supervisor of athletics at the naval camp, thousands of youthful jacks will be seen tossing the ground.

It is to provide these boys with baseball uniforms and suitable equipment for the many other sports at the station that 1,000 jacks, accompanied by their 600-piece band under Sousa, will take part in a monster military pageant at Medinah temple next Saturday afternoon and evening.

Howard F. Gillette, who is handling the Chicago end of the pageant on behalf of the society and sporting people interested, announces that the sale of tickets at Lyon & Healy's insures a capacity house.

## HERMAN WILL GIVE BANTAMS A CHANCE

New Orleans, La., Jan. 31.—Pete Herman will defend his title as bantamweight champion of the world against Johnny Ertle, Kid Williams, Frankie Burns, Pal Moore, or any other bantam. Pete Herman must go to war. District appeal board No. 1 placed him in class I, division A, special division, subject to immediate call. Herman is the 258th man in his board. His division has to furnish 650 men by Feb. 15. Herman says he is willing to go to war, but he will give all the bantams a chance at his title before he goes.

## DEATH OF SPRINTER CLOSES BIG RECORD

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 31.—The passing of Pan Zareta, which died recently at New Orleans, removed one of the greatest sprinters and one of the most popular race horses of recent American turf history.

Within seven-eighths of a mile, her speed was of the extreme order, although she could race creditably up to a mile when not too hard pressed. In point of speed, her best performance was against Joe Blair in a specially arranged race of five and a half furlongs at Juarez, Ft. 9, 1915. Pan Zareta won by two lengths in 0:57 1-5, which is still the American record.

The total of the horse's winnings in her career of six years was \$39,082. Out of 151 starts she finished first 76 times, was second 21 times and showed 21 times. In only 23 starts was she unplaced.

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## GENESEO BEATEN BY LOCALS 60-24

Rock Island High School Basketball Stars Have Easy Time With Henry County Lads.

GRAB A LEAD RIGHT AT START

Captain Taber Head in Matter of Baskets With 10-Subs Are Used in Second Half.

BY KEITH NELSON.

The Rock Island high school basketball team last night at the Young Men's Christian association gymnasium by a score of 60 to 24. The game was a fast one at intervals, but for the most of the time it was slow.

Rock Island only at a few times did its very best while Geneseo did its best throughout the game. In the second half Coach Anderson of the local school put in line of subs, but the scoring in the second half seemed to pile up faster than in the first. In the first half the Islanders had the same experience that they had in the Davenport game when it came to shooting baskets. Rock Island could not make baskets, it seemed, the Davenport game and this was the same way, it seemed, in the first half, but when the second half started the Islanders could find the basket with their eyes shut. Captain "Pinky" Taber of the Islanders seemed to be the star when it came to baskets, having 10 chalked to his credit. For the visitors Lambert was the shining light.

Lambert is captain of this year's team and was a member of last year's team. The Islanders started the scoring when Paul Anderson made a basket in the first few minutes of play. Geneseo came in in the next minute and made a foul basket and then the Islanders started a spurt and it was nearly five minutes before the Geneseo boys could break up Rock Island's team work. The Rock Island players did consider the fouling and it nearly ruled out some of the Islander men. Geneseo was very careful in the fouling line and only four fouls were chalked up against them. Siemon, who has been laid up since the Davenport game with a sore shoulder, participated in part of the game and while in there he grabbed off five baskets. Siemon's shoulder is gradually growing back to its normal condition and he will be able to be in the Moline game. Dopp and Heinbeck, the two Islander guards, worked like old pals at the game and did much in keeping down the Geneseo score. Dopp, playing running guard, grabbed off six baskets, while Heinbeck, who played stationary guard, only had one shot at the basket and missed. Carl Rydholm went good for the few minutes that he was in the game, but coach Anderson took him out of the fray soon after the game had started. In the second half Erbsien, Greaves and Lamp replaced the first team men and did some valuable work. The next Islander game will be with the old-time rivals, Moline. The game will be played on the Moline floor, Saturday night.

## The Lineups.

Rock Island	B. FT. P. T.
Taber, (Capt.) forward	10 2 0 0
Rydholm, forward	2 0 0 0
Anderson, center	0 2 0 0
Schultz, guard	0 3 0 0
Dopp, guard	6 0 0 0
Siemon, forward	6 0 2 1
Erbsien, forward	1 0 1 1
Greaves, guard	1 0 0 0
Lamp, forward	0 0 0 0
Geneseo	B. FT. P. T.
Pierce, forward	0 0 0 0
Combs, forward	3 0 0 1
Lambert, (Capt.) center	8 1 0 0
Schultz, guard	0 0 0 0
Johnston, guard	0 0 0 0
Crook, forward	0 0 0 0
Timekeeper—Conrad, Referee—Driggs.	Halves—20 minutes.

## RUPNS WALLOPS BRANDT.

New Orleans, Jan. 31.—Frankie Burns of Jersey City stopped Dutch Brandt of Brooklyn in the 10th round of their scheduled 15-round fight here Monday night. Burns had all the best of the fighting when Referee Goldman announced it would be unfair to Brandt to continue the bout. The men fought at 122 pounds.

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## OH, WELL, ANYWAY

Jack Dunn, Jr., son of the manager of the Baltimore International League club, is now training for a commission at Camp Meade. Dunn, one of the first to go to camp, was in professional ball for a time, playing the outfield for the Orioles.